

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete paragraph [0033] and amend paragraphs [0031] and [0032] as follows.

[0031] ~~FIG. 8 is an isometric view of wood slats according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention~~ FIG. 9 is an isometric view of rejoined slats to be sectioned along parallel planes A-A according to the preferred method of implementing the present invention; and;

[0032] ~~FIG. 9 is an isometric view of rejoined slats to be sectioned along parallel planes A-A according to the preferred method of implementing the present invention; and~~ FIG. 10 is an isometric view of wood slats according to the preferred embodiment of present invention.

~~[0033] FIG. 10 is an isometric view of wood slats according to the preferred embodiment of present invention.~~

Please amend paragraphs [0034]-[0036] and [0039] as follows:

[0034] Now referring to FIGS. ~~8-10~~7-9, new additional processing steps in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention are provided to the blemished slats that result from the prior art method of producing manufactured wood products. These additional processing steps are used to hide the unpleasant joining marks 32 which result from the prior art.

[0035] In the preferred embodiment, FIG. ~~7~~8 illustrates first manufactured slats 34 having joining marks 32 which were cut from rejoined block 30. The first manufactured slats 34 are then laminated to form a new bulk section in the form of block 40 as illustrated in FIG. ~~8~~9.

[0036] This new block 40, shown in FIG. 8[[9]], shows joining marks 32 (running in a zigzag pattern along a plane parallel to the X-Y plane illustrated in FIG. 8[[9]]), and shows the periphery edges 45 of each first manufactured slat 34 (running in a line parallel to the Y axis so that the combination of the slat periphery edges 45 have parallel lines which sit in a plane parallel to the Y-Z plane illustrated in FIG. 8[[9]]).

[0039] In the preferred method to implement the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the finished, manufactured wood block 40 is cut to preferred dimensions along the direction illustrated in FIG. 8[[9]] by the reference letters A-A. As is shown in FIG. 8[[9]], this direction A-A is a cut of the wood block along a plane parallel to the Y-Z axis. As illustrated in FIG. 10, [[B]]by implementing this preferred method of implementing the present invention, the resulting new finished manufactured slats 42 from block 40 will not show any joined markings 32 and will have the desired veneer look.